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RE: MUR 6469,
Response of Turkish Coalition of America to Complainant's Third Amendment

Dear Mr. Jordan:

On July 20, 2012 Respondent Turkish Coalition of America ("TCA") received a July 17, 2012 letter from the FEC attaching a third amendment to the Complaint. TCA hereby responds.

Complainant's latest amendment, which is styled as a new complaint, seeks that the FEC institute an investigation of the events that had already been alleged in the original complaint filed in August 2011. Thus, despite its volume, it is largely redundant. To the extent that anything new is raised, TCA notes that Complainant now seems to object to how Rep. Schmidt has chosen to comply with the ruling of the House Ethics Committee. However, Rep. Schmidt's actions in this regard are her own and not made in consultation in any way with TCA and TALDF. TCA and TALDF's sole actions at this point are as follows: when Rep. Schmidt makes a payment to reimburse TALDF, TALDF. Since the Ethics Committee has ruled that TCA should be fully reimbursed, we would like to see this occur. That said, it does not appear to be within FEC's purview to determine whether Rep. Schmidt's compliance with a congressional committee's decision related to the Rules of the House of Representatives has been adequate.

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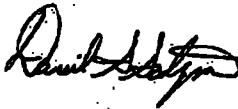
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And further, Complainant alleges that Rep. Schmidt's attorneys, including those who comprise TALDF, have conspired to hide the source of payments made to them. TCA and TALDF categorically reject this. TALDF wrote to House Ethics Committee following the publication of its report clearly explaining both that the relationship between TCA and TALDF was not concealed in any way and that TALDF had always been open with its client, Rep. Schmidt. TCA also found the Ethics Committee report inconsistent in certain key respects, but again, this would appear to be a matter for Complainant to address directly with the congressional committee, not the FEC.

TCA, therefore, believes that Complainant's request for an investigation is invalid and should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,



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